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HASTA LA VISTA, ROBOTNIK!

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

I'M SONIC!

NO, I'M SONIC!

FOR THE FIRST TIME, I'M BESIDE MYSELF!

SONIC

NO! ME!

IN THIS ISSUE: MORE HEDGEHOGS THAN INHUMANELY POSSIBLE! DON'T MISS...

"NIGHT OF 1000 SONICS!"

MANAKA DAS

WHA-WHAT *IS* THAT THING,

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™ #2

NIGHT OF 1,000 SONICS!

PART I

I'M NOT QUITE *SURE*, PRINCESS... BUT IT LOOKS AWFULLY *FAMILIAR.*

ZZZUUUMMMMM...

MY GUESS WOULD BE THAT IT'S SOME SORT OF DOORWAY TO ANOTHER *DIMENSION* OF *LIFE!*

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WOW! SOMETHING'S COMING THROUGH!

GET DOWN!

FRA-ZZZAAAT!

PLOP!

S-S-SONIC? HE'S... *YOU!*

ONLY... HE'S A *CYBORG!*

CLICK! *WHRRR...*

PROCESSING.

CLICK! WHRRR...
ATTACK MODE!
WHOA!
CHILL OUT, HEAVY METAL DUDE! WE'RE ON YOUR SIDE!
WHOOOSH!
ZING!
I HOPE!

I DON'T UNDERSTAND! HOW CAN THERE BE A SONIC AND A SONIC-CYBORG?
NOW I REMEMBER! SOMETHING LIKE THIS HAPPENED TO ME ONCE BEFORE!
THAT "DOOR-WAY" MUST HAVE BEEN AN EXIT...

"...FROM THE COSMIC INTERSTATE!*
"YOU CAN GET ANYWHERE FROM THERE.
INTERSTATE MAP
BAD
GOOD
EVERY HERE
THERE
WHERE
UGLY
YOU ARE HERE!
*SEE "THE GOOD, THE BAD, AND THE HEDGEHOG" IN SONIC#11-Editor

"LAST TIME I TOOK A WRONG TURN, AND RAN INTO AN EVIL VERSION OF MYSELF!
"TRUST ME, IT WAS NOT A PRETTY SIGHT!"

IN THEORY, THERE ARE HUNDREDS--THOUSANDS--MAYBE EVEN KAZILLIONS--OF OTHER, SIMILAR UNIVERSES...
...AND JUST AS MANY DIFFERENT VERSIONS OF ME!

THAT'S THE FACT, JACK!
CLICK! WHRRR...
EXPLANATION MODE...

MY UNIVERSE IS A *DARK* AND *TERRIBLE* PLACE WHERE *OUR* DOCTOR ROBOTNIK TURNED THE *FREEDOM FIGHTERS* INTO *CYBORGS*...

...BUT THAT PROVED TO BE A *FATAL* MISTAKE!

WITH OUR NEW HALF-ANIMAL, HALF-MECHANICAL BODIES, WE WERE POWERFUL ENOUGH TO MARCH ON ROBOTROPOLIS, AND CONFRONT ROBOTNIK FOR WHAT WE HOPED WOULD BE OUR FINAL BATTLE. WE WERE WRONG.

TO WIN THE WAR, ROBOTNIK SUBJECTED HIMSELF TO HIS OWN *ROBOTICIZATION* PROCESS...

COUNTDOWN TO ROBOTICIZATION → 01

BOOM!

...WITH CRUSHING RESULTS!

THE RESISTANCE WAS *TERMINATED*...

...AND I FLED ONTO THE *COSMIC INTERSTATE* IN SEARCH OF ALLIES TO FIGHT THIS NEW MENACE!

ROBOTNIK WAS *PURE EVIL*...

...BUT WHAT HE HAS SINCE *BECOME* IS INFINITELY *WORSE!*

NOW HE THREATENS *ALL* UNIVERSES...

...*INCLUDING* YOUR OWN.

DON'T SWEAT IT, CHROME DOME!

ME, MYSELF AND I WILL PUT A STOP TO THAT!

SEVERAL HUNDRED SIDE-TRIPS ACROSS THE COSMIC INTERSTATE LATER...

I SUPPOSE YOU'RE ALL WONDERING WHY I *CALLED* YOU HERE TODAY!

TO PUT IT BLUNTLY, FELLOW HEDGEHOGS...

A *CRISIS* IS UPON US!

LOOK AT ALL THE DIFFERENT SONICS.

I WONDER HOW MANY THERE ARE?

THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION, DEAR READER! HOW MANY CAN **YOU** FIND?

500:

ONE OF ROBOTNIK'S COUNTLESS *COUNTERPARTS* HAS *CONQUERED* HIS "UNIVERSE"!

THE *QUESTION* IS...

...WHAT ARE *WE* GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

YOU'LL DO NOTHING, HATED HEDGEHOG!..

ZZZZUUUMMMM

HUH?

WHO?

..HEH, HEH... *FALL*...

ZZZZUUUUUUUMMMMMMMM

...BEFORE THE FORCES OF

ROBO-ROBOTNIK!!!

HAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHA

END OF PART I

HAHAHAHAHA!

WELL DONE, SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

BY GATHERING YOUR HEDGEHOG "BROTHERS," YOU'VE SAVED ME THE TIME AND TROUBLE OF *TRACKING* THEM DOWN!

SOON, *THIS* UNIVERSE...

...AND *ALL OTHERS*...

...SHALL BELONG TO ROBO-ROBOTNIK!

hrrmph! WHO DOES THAT UPSTART THINK HE *IS*?

OIL

NIGHT OF 1,000 SONICS! PART II

:SIGH: HE THINKS HE'S *ME*!... AND HE'S RIGHT... IN A WAY!

REGARDLESS...

CLICK!

ATTACK

"...IF ANY ROBOTNIK IS DESTINED TO RULE THE KNOWN UNIVERSES...

"...IT WON'T BE ROBO-ROBOTNIK... ...IT'LL BE ME!"

KERORAAAAAAAAS!!!!

BOP!

CLANK!

ZZZT!

BINK

BOK!

HEY, KIDS!

PASTE THIS PAGE ONTO A SHEET OF THIN CARDBOARD, THEN CUT ON THE DOTTED LINES, AND BUILD YOUR OWN SWATBOTS!

DON'T FORGET TO USE YOUR SAFETY SCISSORS!

WHAT?!
MY SHADOW SWATBOTS-- DESTROYED?!
WHO DARES...?
I DARE!
THE TRUE DOCTOR IVO ROBOTNIK!
...AND YOUR FLOATING IMAGE DOESN'T SCARE ME!

THIS IS MY NORLD...
AND IT'S NOT BIG ENOUGH FOR THE BOTH OF US!
BE GONE WITH YOU!

AS YOU WISH...
...BUT I SHALL RETURN!
PAF!

THAT'S ONE DOWN...
...AND ONE TO GO!
YOU FOOLS! DO YOU REALLY THINK HE'D GIVE UP SO EASILY?
I CERTAINLY WOULDN'T!

SINCE THIS NEW MENACE IS A THREAT TO ALL OUR INTERESTS, I PROPOSE WE CEASE OUR PRIVATE BATTLES AND POOL OUR RESOURCES!
THIS STINKS WORSE THAN LAST WEEK'S CHILI-DOGS, DOC! BUT...

"...WHEN YOU'RE RIGHT, YOU'RE RIGHT!"

'BOTS...

...AND FREEDOM FIGHTERS!

I CALL THIS MEETING TO ORDER!

THOMP!

AHEM

WHY DO OTHERS TALK? WHY NOT FIGHT?

THIS ONE IS BIG! STRONG! STRONGEST ONE THERE IS!

NO NEED HELP!

WHAT CAN LITTLE ONES DO?

THOOOOOOOM!

WHAT... ...CAN... ...WE... ...DO?

?

ZIP

DOES THIS ANSWER...

SHOVE!

SPROING

...YOUR QUESTION?

KNOCK IT OFF, YOU GUYS!
THIS MAN HAS A PLAN!
IN ORDER TO SECOND GUESS OUR MUTUAL ADVERSARY, I'VE HAD TO THINK LIKE HIM!
WHICH MEANS HE'S DEFINITELY SEARCHING FOR A WAY TO DESTROY US ALL!
...AND HE COULD ACCOMPLISH HIS GOAL IF HE HAD...THE GIANT'S HAND!-- AN ALIEN WEAPON OF GREAT POWER!
MY GENIUS HAS LOCATED THE WEAPON'S LIKELY POSITION WITHIN THE REGION KNOWN AS THE NEUTRAL ZONE--
NEUTRAL ZONE
AND WE NEED TO DISPATCH A SQUADRON OF SONICS ACROSS THE COSMIC INTERSTATE TO RE-TRIEVE IT! GO NOW! QUICKLY!
FOR THE SOONER THE GIANT'S HAND IS IN MY HANDS...
...THE SOONER IVO ROBOTNIK WILL RULE!

HOW UNCHARACTERISTICALLY *IRONIC*.

MY FLESHY *OTHER SELF* HAS ALLIED HIMSELF WITH A *LEGION* OF *SONICS*. FORTUNATELY...

CLICK!

ZZZZZZZZZZUUUUUMMMMMMMMMMM

"I'VE SAVED THE *WORST* FOR *LAST*!"

HEY!

WHAT'S SHAKIN'?!

WHERE AM I?

WHERE YOUR *EVIL* CAN BE PUT TO *GOOD USE*, MY FRIEND.

LISTEN WELL... AND I SHALL TELL YOU ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW...

HAHAHAHA!!!

END PART II

WHAT'S WRONG, SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™?

NIGHT OF 1,000 SONICS!

PART III

WHY THE SUDDEN STOP?

UNGH!

GRUNT!

COSMIC INTERSTATE I

NEXT EXIT 148,000 LIGHT YEARS

HAVE YOUR TOLL READY

OOOF!

BUMPETA-BUMPETA-BUMP!

ERRT!

IF YOU'D WATCH WHERE WE'RE GOING...

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...YOU'D SEE FOR YOURSELVES!

NOW WHAT? DO WE BEAT FEET THIS WAY...

HUH?

...OR THATAWAY?

MAYBE WE SHOULD SPLIT UP.

NAH! THAT TRICK NEVER WORKS.

ACCORDING TO ROBOTNIK'S MAP, WE HEAD THATAWAY...

TO NEUTRAL ZONE

ONLY, THERE IS NO "THATAWAY"! JUST A BIG EMPTY SPACE!

A COLORLESS VOID.

POINT OF NO RETURN

HMMM... ROBOTNIK DID CLAIM THIS ROUTE RAN ALONG THE BORDER OF THE NEUTRAL ZONE.

YEAH?

SO?

SO SOMETIMES YOU'VE JUST GOTTA TAKE...

...A LEAP OF FAITH.

WELL? WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?

LET'S GO!

IN THE NEUTRAL ZONE, THERE IS NO COLOR.

GUESS IT'S ALL UP TO YOU, SONIC READERS! SO BREAK OUT YOUR CRAYONS AND MARKERS AND COLOR THESE SONICS TRUE BLUE!

THERE IT IS!
THE GIANT'S HAND!
I WONDER IF A REAL GIANT ONCE WORE IT?
I WONDER WHAT IT DOES?
YOU'LL FIND OUT SOON ENOUGH, BLUE BOY...
...THE HARD WAY!
POW
INCOMING!
HEY!
ZZORCH!
WHO?
ZZORCH!
:GULP!: IT'S OUR EVIL TWIN...
... AND AN ARMY OF ROBO-ROBOTNIK'S SHADOW SWATBOTS!
SCREECH!
CORRECT-O-MUNDO, GOODIE TWO-SHOES!
"NICE" TO SEE YOU AGAIN...
NOT!

ME AND OL' ROBO-ROBOTNIK ARE IN *CAHOOTS!*

AND...

ONCE THESE BLACK METAL JACKET TYPES HAVE DONE THEIR THING...

...I'LL BE THE *ONE* AND ONLY *SONIC!*

NOT SO *FAST*, SHADES!

ZIP

'CAUSE, IN CASE YOU'VE *FORGOTTEN*...

"WE'RE ALL SONIC!"

RUMBLE

HAH!

YOUR BUDDIES CAN SWAT MY 'BOTS...

BUT THE GIANT'S HAND AND I ARE HEADED BACK TO *HOME BASE!*

YOU AND *IT* AREN'T GOING *ANYWHERE*...

...EXCEPT DOWN...

...AND *OUT!*

TRIP!

THUD!

SMOOTH MOVE! YOU MAY HAVE ME...

...BUT ROBO'S COMPUTER SENSORS HAVE *TARGETED* AND *TELEPORTED* THE HAND...

PAF!

"...RIGHT INTO ROBO'S CLUTCHES!"

AT LAST!

THE GIANT'S HAND IS MINE!

NOW, AT THE PRESS OF A SINGLE BUTTON...

...THE GIANT'S HAND WILL *UNFOLD* AND *ENCASE* ME...

KLICK!

...*WITHIN* THE MOST POWERFUL *ENGINE* OF *DESTRUCTION* THE UNIVERSE HAS EVER KNOWN!

AND TOGETHER...

...WE SHALL *DESTROY* ALL SONICS!

HEDGEHOGS, *BEWARE!*

NOW, *INSIDE* THE CONTROL CONSOLE, I COMMAND THE MIGHT OF...

GIANT BORG!

THOOM

THOOM

THOOM

THOOM

END OF PART III

WE'VE *FAILED*, **SONIC THE HEDGEHOG**™!

NIGHT OF 1,000 SONICS! PART IV

ROBO-ROBOTNIK SNATCHED THE *GIANT'S HAND* OUT FROM UNDER OUR NOSES... AND NOW HE AND HIS *GIANT BORG* ARE WREAKING HAVOC ACROSS THE FACE OF MOBIUS, CRUSHING *EVERY-THING* IN THEIR PATH!

WE'VE GOT TO *STOP* THEM!

TELL ME SOMETHING I *DON'T* KNOW, PRINCESS...

...LIKE *HOW*?!

SONIC

THIS IS ALL *YOUR* FAULT!

NO! IT'S *YOURS!*

NO! *YOURS!*

OH, BE QUIET! THIS IS *NOBODY'S* FAULT!

POINTING *FINGERS* AT ONE ANOTHER WON'T GET US *ANYWHERE!*

BESIDES, WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH FINGERS!

WHY CAN'T YOU GUYS ACT MORE LIKE OUR LITTLE FRIENDS DID BEFORE?

THEY'RE SMALL--

"--BUT THEY KNOW THAT BY WORKING TOGETHER, THE **WHOLE** CAN BE GREATER THAN THE SUM OF ITS **PARTS**."

SHOVE!

SHE'S RIGHT!

DIVIDED WE FALL! BUT TOGETHER...

SNAP!

YOU DON'T HAVE TO MAKE A SPEECH, BLUE GUY! WE UNDERSTAND!

WE'LL TAKE ROBO-ROBOTNIK AND HIS WALKIN' TIN CAN DOWN...

"...AT ANY COST."

WHOA!

LOOK AT THE **SIZE** OF THAT THING!

HE'S **BIG** ALRIGHT! BUT IN MY UNIVERSE, I FOUGHT OTHERS WHO WERE EVEN **BIGGER**...

...AND *DEFEATED* THEM!

JUST AS *WE* SHALL DEFEAT ROBO-ROBOTNIK AND HIS GIANT BORG!

SPARE ME THE FALSE *BRAVADO*, YOU RED-WHITE-AND-BLUE *BUFFOON*.

WHILE *I* CONTROL THE POWER OF *GIANT BORG*...

...YOU ARE *ALL* LESS THAN **NOTHING!**

THOOM!

FAREWELL, MY MINIATURE ENEMIES!

IT'S BEEN *FUN*...

=GROAN=

...BUT THE OUTCOME WAS *NEVER* IN DOUBT!

NOW--

--WHILE HE'S OFF-BALANCE--

--LET'S HIT HIM WITH EVERYTHING WE'VE GOT!

WOW!!! THOSE HEDGEHOGS SURE KNOCKED THE STUFFINGS OUT OF GIANT BORG! SEE IF YOU CAN FIND THE FOLLOWING BITS OF DEBRIS:

KER-RAASH!

:GROAN:

THAT'S THE END OF *GIANT BORG!*

BUT WHAT ABOUT *ROBO-ROBOTNIK?*

THIS...

...DOES NOT...

...COMPUTE!

KLUNK!

ALAS, POOR ROBO...

...GUESS THE BIG GUY FINALLY LOST HIS *HEAD!*

I'LL TAKE *THAT...*

...AND I *WON'T* BE BACK!

HASTA LA *VISTA*, HEDGEHOG!

INCREDIBLE! UPON "DESTRUCTION," GIANT BORG HAS BROKEN DOWN INTO *INTERLOCKING* PARTS, LIKE A *JIGSAW PUZZLE!*

AND THEY'RE MINE!

ALL *MINE!*

YOU WERE SAYING?

CURSES! FOILED AGAIN!

AND *AGAIN!*

AND *AGAIN!*

WE CAN'T LEAVE THESE PARTS LYING AROUND--WHO KNOWS IF THEY COULD BE *CONNECTED* TO *REFORM* GIANT BORG?!

I'VE GOT A *GREAT* IDEA!

WITH ITS INTERLOCKING PARTS SCATTERED TO THE FOUR CORNERS OF CREATION, I DON'T THINK WE'LL BE HEARING FROM *GIANT BORG* ANYTIME SOON!

SOUVENIRS OF THE GREAT BATTLE

"OWN A PIECE OF THE 'BOT"

ARE YOU SURE THE PIECES WILL BE SAFE WITH THEM?

HEY, IF YOU CAN'T TRUST *YOURSELF..*

--WHO *CAN* YOU TRUST?!

END